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COUNTRY United Kingdom/International  
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SUBJECT 1/ Pro-Moscow Communist Desire to Arrange for International Association of Democratic Lawyers Control of the International War Crimes Tribunal  
2/ Other Communist Pressures Concerning the Tribunal  
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1. [REDACTED] said on 12 November 1966 that the pro-Moscow Communists were trying to wrest the initiative for convening the International War Crimes Tribunal from the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation. They would like the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) to take over the preparations for the Tribunal 2,3
2. [REDACTED] also said that the French lawyer Leon Matarasso<sup>4</sup> and the French mathematician Professor Laurent Schwartz were also trying to wrest control of the Tribunal from the Foundation. Jordan claimed that the Communists in Germany were putting pressure on Peter Weiss, the German-born Swedish playwright of "Marat De Sade", not to attend the preliminary meeting in London of the Tribunal, which took place 13 - 15 November 1966, and not to take part in the Tribunal.

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2. On 25 December 1966, Moscow Radio reported the following statement by Igor Karpets, Vice President of the IADL: "The IADL was the first organization to send its representatives to Vietnam to carry out on-the-spot investigations of the crimes of the American imperialists. The proposal to send such a delegation was made by the Soviet representatives. This was, in fact, the first

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investigating commission that collected evidence indicting the American aggressors of war crimes. We stress this now so that everyone can know about the initiative on the part of the democratic lawyers - initiative which is now backed by many progressive.. organizations."

3. Examples of participation by IADL officials in the Tribunal are the following the French Communist lawyer, Solange Bouvier, is an IADL Secretary and was IADL Treasurer. She was present at the War Crimes Tribunal Preparatory Meeting sessions and was named to the Tribunal's legal commission Tribunal "Judge" Mahmud Ali Qasuri of Pakistan is an IADL Vice President.
4. Matarasso's wife, Blanche, is an official lawyer for the French Communist Party.

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